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STRIKE REPORTED REFTEL ENDED WITH PUBLICATION OF WEECEND EDITIONS ON SCHEDULE. IN SUNDAY EDITION, FRONT PAGE COVERAGE GIVEN TO COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY OF LA PRENSA WHICH EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN" RE CIRCULATING RUMORS OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN PRESS OWNERSHIP, I.E. TURNING OVER PAPERS TO WORKERS. IF RUMORS TRUE, COMMUNIQUE STATES, IT WILL "ONLY SIGNIFY A NEW FORM OF TRIMMING EVEN MORE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION"; AND JOBS OF PAPER'S EMPLOYEES WILL BE ENDANGERED. COMMUNIQUE USES AS EXAMPLE CASE OF EXPRESO, TAKEN OVER FOUR YEARS AGO, AND WHICH WAS TO BE GIVEN TO WORKERS AS EXCLUSIVE COOPERATIVE VENTUREGMV ACCORDING TO COMMUNIPUE, THIS STILL NOT DONE AND MORE THAN 60 WORKERS PUT OUT OF WORK BY MOVE. IT ASKS THAT "WORK STABILITY BE GUARANTEED AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION BE RESPECTED."

COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE FIRST INSTANCE OF INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY COMING OUT IN PUBLIC SUPPORT OF A FREE PRESS AND AGAINST THE RUMORED CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF PAPERS. IC'S OF MOST OTHER PAPERS CLAMORING FOR TAKEOVER AND "REVOLUTIONARY JOURNALISM."
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